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IMMENSE GAIN IS SHOWN BY TAX ROLLS

Almost Nine Thousand Dollars
Gain in Taxes over 1908
in Torrance County

At the special meeting of the board of county commissioners held at the courthouse on last Saturday, the tax rolls of Torrance county for 1909 were received from the assessor, and examined and approved by the board. The books show an immense amount of careful work on the part of the assessor, and present a striking contrast to the books of previous years. Everyone of the various precincts and school districts has its assessments carefully tabulated and the taxes for each different fund minutely carried out, every item balancing to a penny. In those cases where the owners of property could not be ascertained, each parcel of land and each town lot, is assessed separately against "Unknown Owners," instead of being bunched as heretofore. Should the owner of any one of these appear to pay his taxes, the description will be easily found, and one glance will suffice to tell the total amount due. The work of the assessor has been the more laborious on account of the fact that the books heretofore have been so very incomplete as to the details of the work.

The total assessed valuation of the property of the county is shown as \$1,141,665. Exemptions are allowed in the sum of \$126,800, leaving a total subject to taxation as \$1,014,865. The total taxes for the various funds, are \$48,395.08. For 1908 the tax rolls show a total assessed valuation of \$559,115.90 with exemptions of \$67,483, leaving an assessed valuation subject to taxation of \$891,632.90, with a total of taxes to be derived of \$41,302.02. On account of errors in the work and double assessments, the county commissioners have during the year made reductions from these figures of \$39,950 in the assessed valuation, and \$1837.76 in the taxes. The net gain for 1909 over 1908 as shown by these figures is \$285,923.10 in the amount of the assessments and \$3,700.72 in the taxes. The gain in the taxes of 1909 over 1908 is almost twelve per cent. which is indeed a good showing.

Enrollment 150

Estancia Schools opened last Monday with a good attendance, in the new school building, just completed. On account of Labor Day, no work was done other than the enrolling and classifying of the pupils. The real work was taken up Tuesday morning. The enrollment to date is 150, fairly evenly divided among the principal and his three assistants.

A part of the work of more than ordinary interest in the High School Classes is the daily reading and discussion of the news of the day. Daily papers are read and the news of importance discussed by and with the students themselves. This will not only form the habit of keeping posted on what is doing in the world at large, but will start the students to thinking along these lines as well.

D. F. Eckley and C. H. Meyers were down from McIntosh last Tuesday.

Probate Court

Hon. Gabino Baca, probate judge of Torrance county held a busy session of the Probate Court on Tuesday of this week, this being the regular September term, postponed from Monday, that being Labor Day.

Adolfo Salas, as administrator of the estate of E. A. Dow, made a report, showing an inventory of the estate, valued at \$1310.01. Application was made and the request granted that Mr. Salas also be named by the court as guardian of the minor child, Barbarita M. Dow.

Earl L. Moulton, as administrator of the J. G. Mussen estate made his final report, which was approved. The court ordered Mr. Moulton to turn over the balance cash on hand to Mrs. Wm. Mussen, mother of the deceased, a native of Ireland. The amount is about \$400.

Rita S. Salazar and Antonio Salazar made final report in the matter of the estate of Paul S. Baird, deceased, and asked to be discharged as administrators. The court ordered them to cause to be published a notice stating that the matter of closing the administration of the estate would be taken up at the regular November term of court.

Remigio Torres was named by the court as administrator of the estate of Vivian Torres, deceased.

The final report of Gabino Padilla as administrator of the estate of Justo Padilla, deceased, was approved and the administrator was discharged.

In the matter of the estate of Pablo S. Salaz, Tomasita Cordova de Salaz and Andres Salaz as administrators were ordered to publish a notice to the effect that application would be made at the next regular term of the court for the closing of the administration and their discharge as administrators.

Gollins-Tuttle.

On Tuesday night at the Methodist Church, Rev. D. B. Jackson spoke the words joining for life, Miss Anna Collins and Julian M. Tuttle, the building being filled with friends of the young people who witnessed the ceremony and expressed their well wishes.

The bride has been a resident of the valley for some time, having come from Oklahoma, and has held the position of primary teacher in the Estancia schools during the past term. Mr. Tuttle is a member of the firm of Tuttle & Son, having been in business here for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Tuttle have commenced housekeeping in the Senter adobe, near the Park. The News joins a host of friends in wishing well.

Epler-Marchant

On Wednesday evening at the Epler home north of Estancia, Rev. H. G. Bedford joined in marriage Miss Minnie Epler, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Epler, and William Marchant. The young people will make their home on the homestead of the groom, northeast of town. We join a large number of friends in wishing them success and happiness.

Married.

On Wednesday at 1 o'clock at the Torrance County Courthouse, Miss Willie Soles and John Haskew, of Mountainair, Rev. A. M. Steele, pastor of the M. E. Church officiating.

DAILY RAINS THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY.

Crops Growing like Weeds to
Make up for Lost Time
and Will Yet Ripen

While parts of the Estancia Valley may have been rather dry during the past summer, there is no one complaining of the drought at this time—all the complaining is on the other side. On last Saturday night a good rain fell throughout most of the valley followed on Sunday night by a "soaker" which made lakes, ponds and puddles of every indentation from one end of the valley to the other. The way everything is growing is nothing less than wonderful. Even on the east side, where it has been said no crops at all would be harvested, there now promises to be a good growth of grass, sufficient to carry the stock through the winter. The nutritious gramma, which has lain dormant, apparently not growing at all, has suddenly burst into growth, and in many places is already heading at a height of from six to twelve inches. This wonderful phenomenon is proving a miracle to the newcomers who have never seen the like before.

All crops are greatly benefitted by the moisture, and much corn which promised nothing more than fodder ten days ago, will now make grain. Fall wheat, which has been sown or will be sown soon, will get a splendid growth this fall, according to stand. The precipitation at Estancia was about two inches. The streets soon became fishponds. In front of Goodin's Livery, a notice was stuck up that all fishers would be charged at the rate of two bits per hour. Monte refuses to tell how many customers he secured.

Another fine shower fell throughout the valley yesterday afternoon, Estancia and the roads being regular ponds. The heaviest precipitation was southwest, and in the northeastern portion of the valley.

Estancia Horses Bring Good Price

Johnson Pence last week sold to Strong Brothers of Albuquerque M. J. Averill's beautiful span of milk-white horses, which have been attracting so much attention around Estancia. He received five hundred dollars for the pair, which is positive proof that they are beauties. The team will be used as a bearse team.

Marie Pauley

On Monday afternoon after having suffered several weeks from the ravages of typhoid fever, death relieved little Marie Pauley from her sufferings. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pauley, about eight years old. The body was laid to rest in the Estancia Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the ritual of the Catholic Church was read.

In Memory of Little Marie.

Another lamb, O Lamb of God,
Within this quiet fold,
Among Thy Father's sheep
I lay to sleep.
A heart that for a night did rest,
Upon its mother's breast.
Lord, keep it close to Thee
Lest waking it should bleat
And pine for me.

Mrs. J. E. Pauley.

File Large Lien

Probate Clerk Roberson during the past week received for record a mechanic's lien, which is of more than ordinary interest, especially as regards the amount involved. The Dominion Construction Company, through its attorney, H. B. Ferguson, in order to protect the interests of the company placed a mechanic's lien amounting to \$1,100,000 on the properties of the New Mexico Central Railway Company.

The paper has been filed in Bernalillo, Santa Fe and Sandoval counties as well as Torrance county. In speaking of the filing in Bernalillo county the Journal says:

The Dominion Construction company entered into a contract with the New Mexico Central for the construction of the Hagan and Albuquerque lines, receiving for the work certain values in the company's first and second mortgage bonds and in stock of the corporation when it absorbed the Santa Fe Central. After a short time the company got into financial difficulties and was forced to suspend its operations after establishing grading camps and doing considerable work on the line to Hagan.

It is understood on very good authority that an adjustment of the affairs of the New Mexico Central is again very close to consummation and that it may involve the sale of the railroad and its allied properties. None of the men interested in the road cared to discuss the matter last night.

Must Attend School

The compulsory school law as amended by the last legislature of the territory will do much towards the education of the youth of New Mexico, if it is enforced as it probably will be. According to the law all children between the ages of seven and fourteen must attend school for the full term, except those children who are mentally or physically unable to do so, or those residing more than three miles from the public school. Denominational schools may be chosen instead of the regular public school, provided the grade of work is up to the standard. If any child does not attend the school regularly the law makes it the duty of the school district clerk, under penalty of a fine of from \$25 to \$500, to report such delinquency to the district attorney, who must prosecute the case. The parents of the delinquent children are liable to a fine of from five to twenty-five dollars.

Territorial Superintendent Clark has called the attention of the county superintendents to the law, and these in turn are calling the attention of the newspapers to the provisions of the act, asking that the same be made public. School boards have also been notified by the county superintendents, so there will be no excuse on account of ignorance of the act.

School Enumeration 255

The clerk of the local school board has just completed the annual enumeration of the children of school age in the Estancia district showing 255 names. This is an increase of thirty-nine over that of last year, the report at that time being 216. Estancia district will not only have the best schools in the county, but will also show the largest number of pupils, demonstrating the largest population.

SHOWING GOOD SPECIMENS OF BUMBER GROPS

Preacher Takes Pity on the Editor
and Brings a Mess of
Corn and Potatoes

B. W. Means of the Mt. Calvary neighborhood, about twelve miles southwest of Estancia was in town this morning, and called on the News force. He left with us samples of some of the stuff that is being raised in his neighborhood, and for fear that the editor might get hungry, brought us a supply of roasting ears. The ears of corn are ten and eleven inches long, and from six to eight inches in circumference. He must have known that our native state is Illinois, and "away down in Egypt" at that. Mr. Means says this corn will mature before frost, as most of it is too hard for roasting ears now. He has six acres which will make not less than twenty-five bushels per acre. Some of his neighbors have estimated it as high as fifty.

He also left us a sunflower ten and a half inches in diameter already matured. Two potatoes which he brought in weighed just two and a half pounds.

A neighbor of Mr. Means, Mr. Erbin has six acres of millet, which is nothing less than grand. A sample stalk brought us measures just a trifle less than four feet tall, with thirty stems on the one plant.

J. S. Brinten has five acres of kafir corn, which is a little over four feet tall, well headed, and almost matured now. A sample of this may also be seen at our office.

With crops like this growing, it is simply foolishness to talk about destitution, and that stuff will grow only along streams, and the like. The Estancia Valley is again proving itself the "Garden Spot of New Mexico," as it has done each year since it has had a chance.

Some Turnips

Will Reed, living about four miles west of Estancia brought in a sack of turnips Tuesday of this week which he sold to the local merchants. Two of the turnips were measured and weighed. One measured 19 by 21 1-4 inches in circumference and weighed four pounds. The other measured 17 1-4 by 19 1-4 inches and weighed three and one-fourth pounds.

Mr. Reed has about two acres of these turnips, which were sown late in June. They grew without any irrigation except the rainfall which everyone knows was as near nothing as possible. Who said people are destitute in the Estancia Valley?

Grops Burned up In the Panhandle.

Burt Miller returned Wednesday of this week from a trip to Groom, Texas, where he went in search of work. He reports conditions in that portion of Texas worse by far than here. On one day he, with his brother-in-law Jeff Vermillion counted over one hundred wagons, some of which had left the Panhandle of Texas coming west, and others who had left eastern New Mexico going east, looking for work. In that vicinity everything has burned up, according to Miller, who says "we are much better off here."

Fair Exhibits

The Torrance county vice-presidents of the Territorial Fair, William McIntosh and John W. Corbett have issued a circular letter, asking that all parts of the county work together in sending a display of vegetables and farm products to Albuquerque next month, as a county exhibit. The various Boards of Trade and Commercial Clubs are called upon to select some one in their town to have supervision of the collecting and shipping of the exhibit, the whole collection to be exhibited at Albuquerque as the Torrance county Exhibit. Under the rules of the managers of the fair, as published in these columns last week, it will be necessary that the exhibit be made as a whole, in competition for the county prizes. Such an entry, however, will not detract in any manner from entering such exhibit in competition with any other article in its class.

Whoever is named to have charge of the exhibit from Estancia, should get busy at once and arrange to have a first class exhibit. Some one of the farmers, who can and will take an interest should have charge of this work. The crops are here for a better exhibit than has ever been sent to Albuquerque, and after the knocking that has been given the Estancia Valley by some of the dailies, it is imperative that the best and largest exhibit possible should be sent, as there will be a number of "Missourians" and "doubting Thomases" at the Territorial Fair.

Should Make Exhibit

There has never been a time when it was more necessary for New Mexico to make a complete showing of its resources to the world at large than now. Drouth in some of our less favored districts has caused reports of suffering and loss to go out to the country which have been greatly exaggerated and which have done us a great deal of injury.

It is up to every district in the territory to take active and vigorous steps to overcome this series of false impressions which have gone out, for to allow them to stand now will not only work seriously against the statehood cause in congress during the coming winter, but will just as seriously retard the development of the territory.

There is no better way to prove to the world that we are not the suffering community we have been reported to be than by making a great showing at the resources exposition to be held in Albuquerque, October 11-16 in connection with the annual territorial fair. President Taft will be there during the fair. So will several members of his cabinet and newspaper men from all parts of the country, who will travel with the President. We should show these men what we have. They will tell the country about it and the result will be advertising of the kind we need and of untold value.

This county should take steps right now to get in line with other counties and make a showing which will prove our worth. —Contributed

Mrs. A. J. Green returned last night from Denver, Colorado, where she accompanied her daughter, Miss Edna, who has entered Parks Business College of that city.